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STOCKTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1958

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my report for the year ended 1958.

1. BIRTHS

These are almost exactly the same as last year as were the still births and infant deaths.

This year there were 127 births, giving a birth rate of 13.9.

2. DEATHS

There were 85 deaths the average age at death being 75.

3. NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

Only 25 were notified this year, whereas in 1957 200 were notified. That large number was due to a measles epidemic when we had 174 cases. In 1958 there were only 13 cases of measles.

4. DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

I am happy to report some improvement here. The figure for 1957 was 73, whilst this year 98 have been protected. Why the increase? I have a feeling that this is somehow associated with the poliomyelitis scare and the difficulty in getting Vaccine at one period. This may have made the population more "immunity conscious".

5. INFECTIOUS DISEASES

	<u>Cases</u> <u>Notified</u>	<u>Cases removed</u> <u>to Hospital</u>	<u>Deaths</u>
Scarlet Fever	5	-	-
Measles	13	-	-
Pneumonia	2	1	-
Erysipelas	1	-	-
Pertussis	3	-	-
Sonne Dysentery	1	-	-
	<u>25</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>

Age Groups of Attack

	<u>Under</u>										<u>Over</u>
	<u>1</u>	<u>1-2</u>	<u>2-3</u>	<u>3-4</u>	<u>4-5</u>	<u>5-10</u>	<u>10-15</u>	<u>15-20</u>	<u>20-35</u>	<u>35-45</u>	<u>45</u>
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	-	3	4	5	1	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Pertussis	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Sonne Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

A total of 25.

6. TUBERCULOSIS

<u>Age Periods</u>	<u>New Cases</u>		<u>Non Pulmonary</u>	
	<u>Pulmonary</u>			
	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>
0-1	1	1	1	1
1-5	1	1	1	1
5-15	1	1	1	1
15-25	1	1	1	1
25-35	1	1	1	1
35-45	1	1	1	1
45-55	1	1	1	1
55-65 and over	1	1	1	1
	1	1	1	1

7. CAUSES OF DEATHS

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Tuberculosis Respiratory	1	1
Tuberculosis other	1	1
Syphilitic	1	1
Diphtheria	1	1
Whooping Cough	1	1
Meningococcal infections	1	1
Acute poliomyelitis	1	1
Measles	1	1
Other infective and parasitic diseases	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, lung bronchus	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, breast	1	1
Other malignant and Lymphatic neoplasms	5	7
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1	1
Diabetis	1	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	5	6
Coronary disease, angina	6	8
Hypertension with heart disease	1	1
Other heart disease	5	1
Other circulatory disease	4	5
Influenza	1	1
Pneumonia	2	1
Bronchitis	2	1
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2	1
Gastritis, enteritis, and diarrhoea	1	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	1	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	1
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	1	1
Congenital malformations	1	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	5	7
Motor vehicle accidents	1	1
All other accidents	1	1
Suicide	1	1
Homicide and operations of war	1	1
	43	42

8. EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

Estimated population of your district 8,910.

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Birth Rate</u>
<u>Live Births</u>				
Legitimate	66	60	126	14.3
Illegitimate	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	
	<u>67</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>127</u>	
<u>Still Births</u>				
Legitimate	3	3	3	
Illegitimate	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	
	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	
<u>Infantile Deaths</u>				
Legitimate	1	3	3	
Illegitimate	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	
	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	

I think that on the whole we can take it that the health and sanitary circumstances of your area have been eminently satisfactory. To me, however, there has been a disturbing feature during the year. I now refer to the insidious increase in the number of caravan sites in your area. I feel that this wants watching. Broadly speaking my attitude is that caravans for week-end or summer leisure in suitable rural areas are to be encouraged. Caravans which are used as the only place of residence of a family should be deprecated, unless subject to careful planning, supervision and control. A good caravan can be superior to a bad slum dwelling but overcrowding of dwellings and inadequate provision of amenities can be as serious in the case of caravan sites as in slums.

9. AMBULANCE FACILITIES

Complete ambulance facilities for the area for all classes of cases have been provided by the County Council during the year.

Water supply and drainage.
Public Cleansing.
Eradication of bed bugs.
Closet accommodation
Camping sites.
Housing.


are dealt with by the Public Health Inspector in his report.

I wish to thank the Committee for their valuable help and support, also the staff and other officials both in the rural district and in the County for their assistance.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

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STOCKTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR AND SURVEYOR FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31st December, 1958

To the Chairman and Members of the
Stockton Rural District Council

I have the honour to present my Report for the year ended
December, 1958.

1. WATER SUPPLIES

With few exceptions water is supplied throughout the district
by the Tees Valley Water Board and the Hartlepool Water Board
and these have been adequate and of good quantity.

2. HOUSING

During the year 12 houses and bungalows were built by Council
at Preston and Egglescliffe. Private dwellings built during the
year were divided over the district thus:-

(a) Egglescliffe	2
(b) Preston	3
(c) Whitton	1
(d) Carlton	1
(e) Elwick	4
(f) Norton	0

3. IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Applications for improvements grants were received from owners
of properties from the following parishes:-

(a) Egglescliffe	1
(b) Grindon	3
(c) Greatham	2
(d) Preston	2
(e) Carlton	2
(f) Longnewton	1

The eleven applications were all approved involving grants
totalling £2,648.

4. DISREPAIR CERTIFICATES

Four disrepair certificates were issued under the Rent Act of
1957.

5. REGISTRATION TO SELL ICE CREAM

Three applications were granted for registration to sell
ice cream.

6. SMOKE ABATEMENT

In accordance with other Tee-Side Local Authorities deposit gauges were positioned at Stillington, Egglescliffe, Preston and Greatham. In calculating the average deposits three gauge results were not included, because of interference. The average deposits over the year were as follows:-

	<u>tons per sq. mile per month</u>
(a) Stillington	15.35
(b) Egglescliffe	14.99
(c) Preston	17.80
(d) Greatham	16.03

7. RODENT CONTROL

Control of rats was maintained throughout the year. A total of 212 manholes were prebaited and at these 73 takes were recorded. Maintenance treatment was continued in the areas where bait had been taken.

The Council's refuse tips at Whitton, Newton Bewley and Egglescliffe were baited throughout the year and the results showed only minor infestations.

A number of private premises were visited after requests from owners.

8. SEWERAGE

A number of choked drains on Council estates and private houses were cleared.

All Council's sewage works functioned satisfactorily throughout the year.

An outfall sewer at Egglescliffe was repaired, because of the river bank slipping.

In order to take the sewage from the canteens and toilets from the South Durham Steel Works, Greatham, 545 lineal yards of 9" cast iron and 100 yards 12" earthenware sewers were laid from the works boundary into the Greatham disposal works.

A new small disposal works was constructed at Stillington and is working satisfactorily.

9. PETROLEUM (Consolidation) ACT, 1928

During the year 27 premises were licenced for the storage of petroleum.

10. PUBLIC CLEANSING

The collection of refuse throughout the area was carried out by Council's own workmen and the work was done in a satisfactory manner.

Litter baskets were obtained and fixed at suitable places throughout the district.

11. CAMP SITES

The number of camp sites in respect of which licences have been issued during the year under Section 269, Public Health Act, 1936 was 52 and the estimated number of approved campers resident at the sites already licenced, was 750.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

G. W. T. Brown.
Public Health Inspector and Surveyor.

